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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS/KOSOVO: UPDATED BRIEFING ON STATUS  
NEGOTIATIONS

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Classified By: Political Counselor Andrew J. Schofer; reasons 1.4 (b) a  
nd (d).

¶1. (C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche Aug 22 to Sebastiaan  
Messerschmidt, Senior Policy Advisor, MFA Western Balkans  
Division. The Dutch support our policy but continue to  
stress that a timeline should not be imposed at the expense  
of a comprehensive solution. Secondly, they continue to urge  
that contact group members consult regularly with key EU  
donor countries (or likely donor countries) and with the EU  
Presidency.

¶2. (C) Messerschmidt expressed Dutch interest in assisting  
international efforts. He mentioned as possibilities modest  
funding of UNMIK, establishment of a small college in  
Mitrovica, and facilitation of back channel communications,  
as needed. He asked for our reactions.

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